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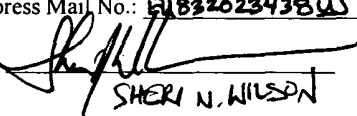
Hon. Commissioner,

This petition is filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.102(c) concurrently with the above referenced patent application as an invention that will materially enhance the quality of the environment and materially contribute to the conservation of energy resources.

The present invention relates to the field of internal combustion engine exhaust gas recirculation (EGR) for emissions improvement and increased operating efficiency, including increased fuel economy. EGR is a known method for reducing NOx emissions in internal combustion engines, particularly diesel engines. For effective use, an EGR system must overcome the adverse pressure gradient created by a positive pressure gradient across the engine which is typical of modern high efficiency diesel engines in at least a portion of their operating range. Various known approaches to implementing EGR suffer a fuel consumption penalty. The present invention provides an inventive intermediate pressure EGR system for an internal combustion engine, preferably a diesel

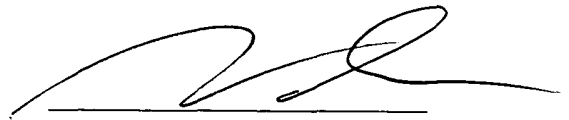
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engine, comprising a turbocharger including a compressor having more than one stage, and preferably having two stages. Unlike traditional high or low pressure EGR systems, the present invention provides not only NOx reduction, but also increased fuel economy under all load conditions. For these reasons, applicant respectfully petitions that this application be made special for advancement of examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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